

# GENERATING A BRIGHT FUTURE FOR HYDROPOWER

**HYDROELECTRIC DESIGN CENTER  
U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS**

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# HYDROELECTRIC DESIGN CENTER



## Mission

Deliver superior quality products and services to our stakeholders through specialized technical expertise, innovation, and partnerships.

## Vision

Excellence in hydropower planning and engineering.

## Core Values

- Doing more than design
- Part of the team
- Efficient and consistent
- Quality is paramount
- Committed to responsive service
- Adding value in all we do
- Leading industry
- Build a healthy culture
- We listen



*Established in 1948 to  
support new hydroelectric  
development on the  
Columbia River*





# THE HDC TEAM



Jordan Fink, PE  
*Director*



John Etzel, PMP  
*Deputy Director*



## Automation Controls & Cyber Security Branch

Steven Ernst, PE

### Product Integration

Artyom Gnatyuk, PMP, CISSP

### Product Development

Ben Elder, PE, CISSP

### Cybersecurity

Jim Crawford, CISSP



## Electrical Branch

John Yen, PE

### Power Systems

Deanna Dinh, PE

### Generation Equipment

Pete Kleine, PE

### Protection Systems

Luke Raynor, PE

### Control Systems

Eric Vaughn, PE



## Front Office / Admin Officer

Scot Hale



## Hydropower Analysis Center

Mark Parrish

**Largest Cyber Engineering Unit in USACE**

**Designing Cyber ICS & SCADA Solutions**

**Largest Concentration of Electrical Engineers in USACE**

**Designing Electrical Hydropower Systems**

**Largest Concentration of Mechanical Engineers in USACE**

**Designing Mechanical Hydropower Systems**



## Mechanical / Structural Branch

Jim Calnon, PE

### Turbomachinery

Kellen Shide, PE

### Mechanical Systems

Jim Kiel, PE

### Structural

Sharon Demeaux, PE

### Engineering Support

Eric Holzapfel



## Program Integration & Delivery Branch

Bree Wilson, PMP, PE

### Program Analysts

Mona McGee

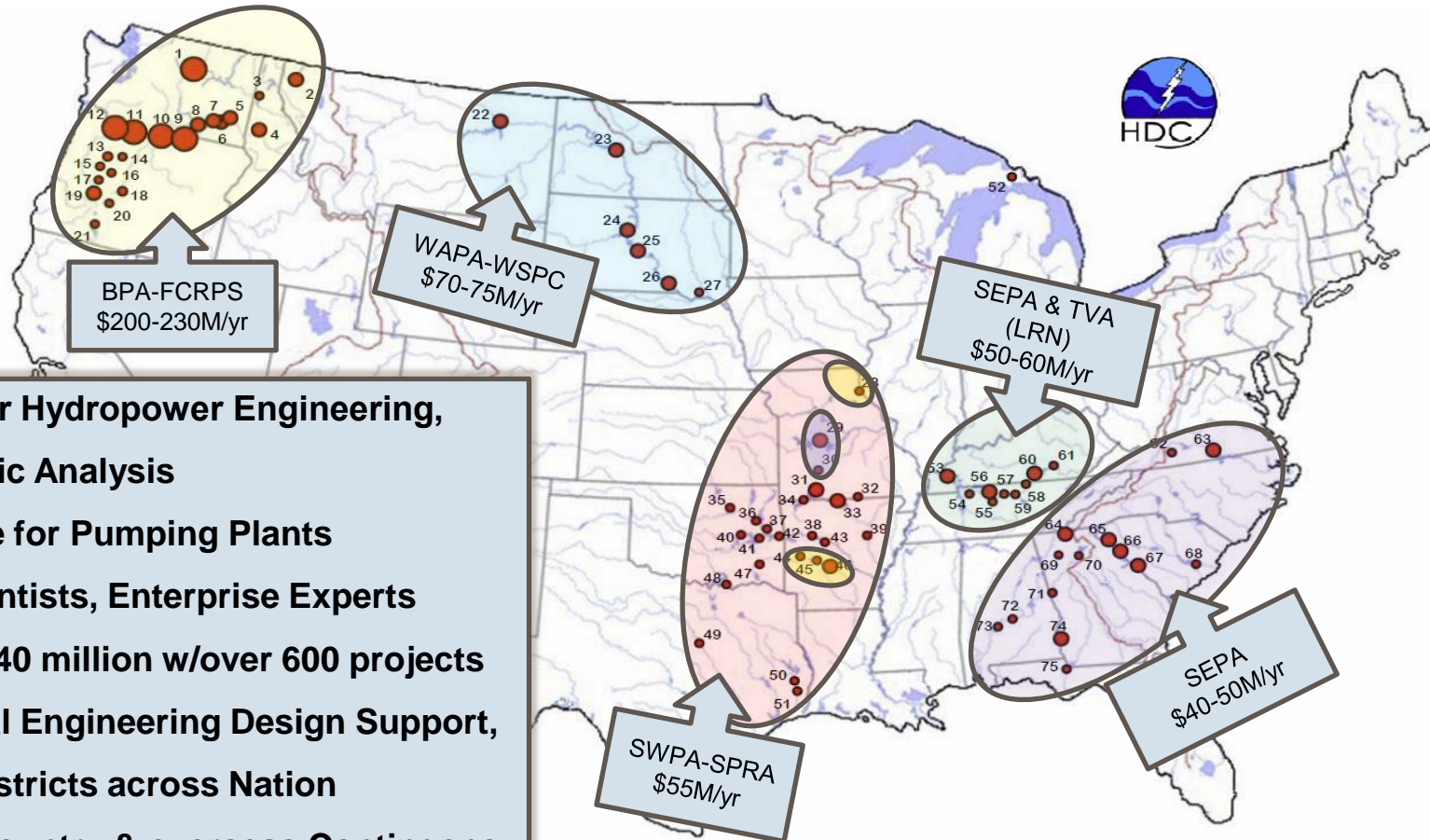
### Regional Design Managers

**Design Managers**





# STRONG REINVESTMENT IN FEDERAL HYDRO



- Corps' Center of Expertise for Hydropower Engineering, Design, Planning, & Economic Analysis
- Technical Center of Expertise for Pumping Plants
- Over 170 Engineers and Scientists, Enterprise Experts
- Annual HDC Program is \$37-40 million w/over 600 projects
- Responsible for Large Capital Engineering Design Support,
- 16 Hydropower producing Districts across Nation
- 75 Power plants across the country & overseas Contingency

## NWD:

1- Chief Joseph (WA)  
2- Libby (MT)  
3- Albeni Falls (ID)  
4- Dworshak (ID)  
5- Lower Granite (WA)  
6- Little Goose (WA)  
7- Lower Monumental (WA)  
8- Ice Harbor (WA)  
9- McNary (OR/WA)  
10- John Day (OR/WA)  
11- The Dalles (OR/WA)

## 12- Bonneville (OR/WA)

13- Big Cliff (OR)  
14- Detroit (OR)  
15- Foster (OR)  
16- Green Peter (OR)  
17- Dexter (OR)  
18- Cougar (OR)  
19- Lookout Point (OR)  
20- Hills Creek (OR)  
21- Lost Creek (OR)  
22- Fort Peck (MT)  
23- Garrison (ND)

## 24- Oahe (SD)

25- Big Bend (SD)  
26- Fort Randall (SD)  
27- Gavins Point (SD)  
28- Clarence Cannon (MO)  
29- Harry S. Truman (MO)  
30- Stockton (MO)  
31- Table Rock (MO)  
32- Norfork (AR)  
33- Bull Shoals (AR)  
34- Beaver (AR)

## 35- Keystone (OK)

36- Fort Gibson (OK)  
37- Tenkiller Ferry (OK)  
38- Ozark (AR)  
39- Greers Ferry (AR)  
40- Eufala (OK)  
41- Webbers Falls (OK)  
42- Robert S. Kerr (OK)  
43- Dardanelle (AR)  
44- Narrows (AR)  
45- Blakely Mountain (AR)  
46- DeGray (AR)

## 47- Broken Bow (OK)

48- Denison (TX)  
49- Whitney (TX)  
50- Sam Rayburn (TX)  
51- R.D. Willis/Town Bluff (TX)  
52- Saint Mary's Falls (MI)  
53- Barkley (KY)  
54- Cheatham (TN)  
55- J. Percy Priest (TN)  
56- Old Hickory (TN)  
57- Cordell Hull (TN)

## 58- Dale Hollow (TN)

59- Center Hill (TN)  
60- Wolf Creek (KY)  
61- Laurel (KY)  
62- Philpott (VA)  
63- John H. Kerr (VA)  
64- Carters (GA)  
65- Hartwell (SC/GA)  
66- Richard B. Russell (SC/GA)  
67- J. Strom Thurmond (SC/GA)  
68- St. Stephens (SC)

## 69- Allatoona (GA)

70- Buford (GA)  
71- West Point (AL/GA)  
72- Jones Bluff (AL)  
73- Millers Ferry (AL)  
74- Walter F. George (AL/GA)  
75- Jim Woodruff (FL)





# IMPROVING USACE HYDRO RELIABILITY



**Chief Joseph Powerhouse**



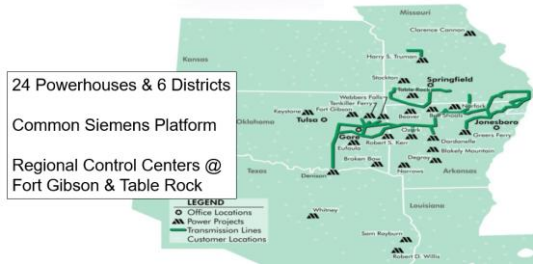
- ☐ In PHASE II (Construction)
- ☐ 27 New Generator Rewinds

**John Day Powerhouse**



- ☐ In PHASE I (in Design)
- ☐ 12-16 New Turbine Runners
- ☐ 12-16 New Generator Rewinds

## SWPA6 CONSOLIDATED CONTROL



**McNary Powerhouse**



- ☐ In PHASE II (Model Testing)
- ☐ 14 New Turbine Runners
- ☐ 3 New Generator Rewinds

**Oahe Powerhouse**



- ☐ PHASE IA complete (Engineering Study)
- ☐ 7 New Turbine-Generator Units
- ☐ Full Powertrain Assessment

**Fort Randall Powerhouse**



- ☐ In PHASE II (Runner design)
- ☐ 8 New Turbine Runners
- ☐ 8 New Generator Rewinds

**Barkley Powerhouse**



- ☐ In PHASE II (Fabrication)
- ☐ 4 New Turbine Runners
- ☐ 3 New Generator Rewinds

**Old Hickory Powerhouse**



- ☐ In PHASE II (Awarded - NTP)
- ☐ 3 New Turbine Runners
- ☐ Optional 4<sup>th</sup> Unit
- ☐ 3 New Generator Rewinds

**Wolf Creek Powerhouse**



- ☐ In PHASE I (In Design)
- ☐ 6 New Turbine Runners
- ☐ 4 New Generator Rewinds

**Philpott Powerhouse**



- ☐ In PHASE II (Construction)
- ☐ 2 New Turbine Runners
- ☐ 2 New Generator Rewinds
- ☐ 15MW TO 19 MW

**Hartwell Powerhouse**



- ☐ In PHASE II (Construction)
- ☐ 2 New Generator Rewinds

**Denison Powerhouse**



- ☐ On-site construction complete
- ☐ Replacement of 2 Francis Units

**RS Kerr Powerhouse**



- ☐ In PHASE II (Construction)
- ☐ 4 New Turbine Runners
- ☐ 4 New Generator Rewinds

## Hydropower Plants

- +1000MW
- 120MW-1000MW
- 0MW-120MW

## SAD Centralized Regional Control



- ☐ 13 Powerhouses & 3 Districts
- ☐ 2 Regional Control Centers

**R. B. Russell Powerhouse**



- ☐ In PHASE I (Plans and Specs)
- ☐ 1 Rotor Repair

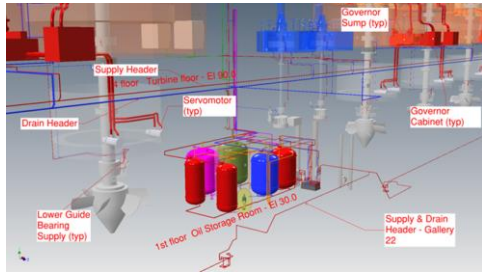




# INNOVATION IN HYDROPOWER



## Environmental



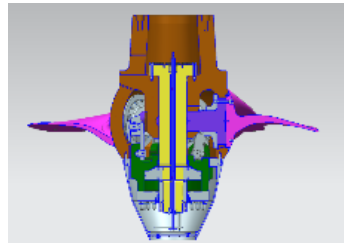
Oil Accountability



Water Lubricated Bearings



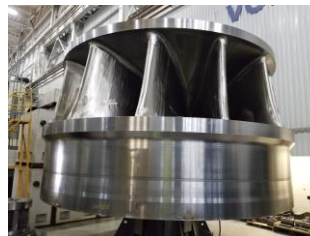
Environmentally Acceptable Lubricants (Greases & Oils)



Oil-Free Kaplan Hubs



Gas Insulated Transformers

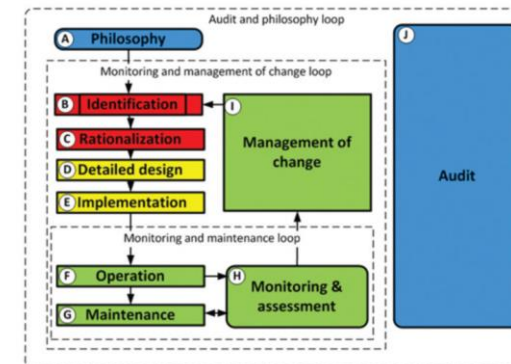


Dissolved Oxygen Turbine Runners

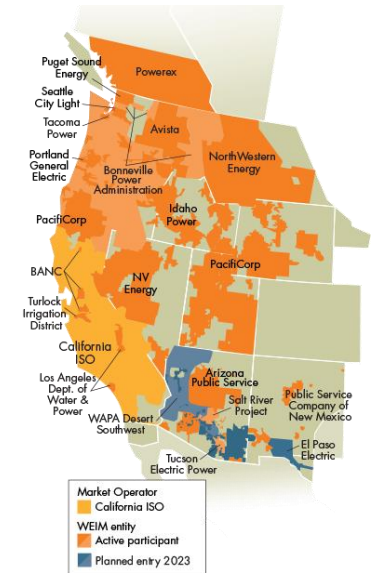
## Digital Transformation



Centralized Control and SCADA/GDACS



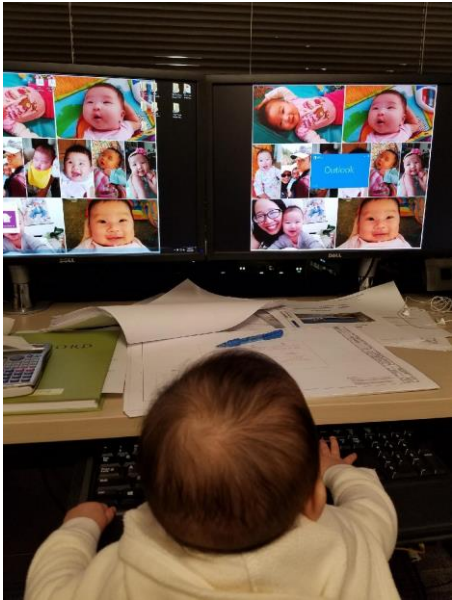
Alarm Management (ANSI/ISA-18.2)



Energy Imbalance Market (EIM)



# INSPIRING FUTURE LEADERS IN HYDRO



Future Leader in  
Hydropower

## Professional Development

- Developmental Assignments
- Emergency Operations Deployments
- Academic Degree Training

## EIT Program

- Two-year rotational program
- Toastmasters
- Paired Mentor

## Recruiting

- Student Internships
- University Partnerships
- Senior Capstone Mentorship

## STEM Engagement

- Engineering Week
- High School Career fairs
- Facility Tours



*When the sun goes down,  
hydropower will still be  
running!*

